

## CONVICTS WILL AID IN GIGANTIC TASK

Caroline Council of State Agrees  
to Let Fifty Men Work on  
"Little Link."

## COMMISSIONS ARE ISSUED

Three Granted at Raleigh—Congressman Kitchen Will Answer Criticisms.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., August 6.—At a meeting of the Council of State this morning the Transcontinental Railroad Company was granted fifty convicts from the penitentiary to be used in the construction of an important link in the railroad from Waynesville to the Tennessee line, a distance of about thirty miles. Representative D. L. Boyd, of Waynesville, was here to close the deal with the State authorities, he being a director in the company. This link which it is proposed to construct is through a gulch or mountain pass, which commands the situation as the outlet through the mountains for most any great through line that might be projected, and it is believed that this "little link" will soon become of immense value, whether the transcontinental scheme, of which it is a part, ever materializes or not.

A charter is issued for the Hitchcock-Trotter Company, of Winston-Salem, capital \$15,000 authorized and \$1,000 subscribed by B. M. Hitchcock and others, of Raleigh.

## Issue Commissions.

Commissions were issued to-day to H. H. Dougherty and C. W. Taylor as lieutenant junior grade and ensign, respectively, in the First Division Naval Reserves, New Bern; also a commission was granted to Dr. H. A. Bass as first assistant surgeon at Henderson.

Mr. John A. Mitchner, of Selma, spent the day here in the interest of the movement for the raising of funds for the erection of a suitable statue of Wyatt, the first man killed in the Civil War, a North Carolinian. He says excellent progress is being made and great things are expected from the public meetings for raising funds which are to be held throughout the State September 21st and 25th.

Congressman W. W. Kitchen, who was here last night on his way to Morganton to speak in the interest of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor to succeed Glenn, says that he will answer in detail the recent criticisms of the Chronicle Observer in a speech he will deliver at Dixie, Mecklenburg county, August 29th. He also expects to give out a newspaper statement very soon in answer to recent newspaper comments. He says he is asking his friends now to "say nothing and say good."

## JOHN Y. M. C. A. SUMMER CONFERENCES AT ASHEVILLE

ASHEVILLE, N. C., August 6.—It is officially announced that Asheville is to be the permanent place for holding the Young Men's Christian Association summer conferences. The necessary amount asked for from Asheville for the purchase of a site near this city has been paid. Secretary Smith, whose efforts the success of the plan is largely due, will remain in the city for some ten days longer to conclude matters in connection with the purchase of the site and the erection of buildings.

## LET CONTRACT FOR ERECTION OF HANDSOME Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
DURHAM, N. C., August 6.—The contract for building the Young Men's Christian Association in Durham was awarded to H. L. Smith at a meeting of the building committee this morning. The building will be erected on the desirable lot at the corner of Main and Roxboro Streets, and will cost about \$32,000. The plans have been previously accepted, and within the course of two months actual work will begin on the handsome new structure.

## Dr. Clark Begins Work.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SALISBURY, N. C., August 6.—Dr. Byron C. Clark, late of Baltimore, began the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church in this city this week, and preached his first sermon to a large congregation Sunday morning. The acceptance of the call to the church here gave great satisfaction, and Dr. Clark begins his work in Salisbury auspiciously. He is a native North Carolinian, a strong preacher and deep thinker. He follows in the wake of the Rev. Jethro Rumble, D. D., who was pastor of the church here for more than forty years.

## Rowan County Association.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SALISBURY, N. C., August 6.—Extensive preparations are in making for the thirty-eighth annual convention of the Rowan County Sunday-School Association, which meets at St. Paul's, near Salisbury, on the 22d instant. An elaborate program has been completed, and the speakers of the occasion will include some of the leading Sunday-school workers of the State.

## WRESTLING FOR PISTOL ONE MAN PROBABLY FATALITY SHOT.

WILSON, N. C., August 6.—In wrestling for possession of a pistol at a picnic near here to-day, Frank Jenkins probably shot himself fatally, the ball striking effect over the heart after passing through the hand.

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## WARMLY WELCOME VISITING KNIGHTS

Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson Addresses Delegates at Norfolk Academy of Music.

## PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS

First Time Such Service Is Conducted in Norfolk by Papal Delegate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., August 6.—Pontifical high mass, conducted by Monsignor Falconio, papal delegate to the United States, at St. Mary's Church, marked the beginning of the first day of the twenty-fifth national convention of the Knights of Columbus.

Admission to the handsomely decorated church was by card, but the church was filled to the doors. The celebrant of the mass was Bishop Kelley, of Savannah, and Bishop Donohue, of Wheeling, West Va., preached the sermon. The services were of the most magnificent and impressive ever conducted in Norfolk.

After the services the knights and others proceeded to the Academy of Music, there to be welcomed by Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson, in place of Governor Swanson, who found it impossible to be present. The knights rose in a body and cheered as Mr. Ellyson walked on the stage.

"You are welcome to the State and to the city," declared the Lieutenant-Governor, concluding his speech. "This city is yours and the State is at your disposal." The speaker also paid a high tribute to the order which he was addressing.

Supreme Knight Hearn responded to the speech of Mr. Ellyson. He stated that every Norfolk person met by a knight had made them feel welcome to the city.

Gwynn T. Sheppard, secretary of the Jamestown Exposition, who was on the stage, was also called on for a speech, and after he had spoken briefly the meeting was over.

Meet at Pine Beach.  
All of the business meetings of the convention will be held at Pine Beach Hotel, and to that hostelry the convention adjourned after the meeting. But a short business session was held there this afternoon.

The pontifical mass at St. Mary's was the first of the kind ever held in Norfolk. Bishop Donohue, in his sermon, told of the daring and integrity of Columbus in crossing the Atlantic and of the momentous results that have followed the passage.

All day and to-night knights of Columbus and others interested in the convention have been coming into the city, and to-night it is estimated that there are 10,000 members of the order and their friends here. Knights of Columbus badges are thick on the streets. The crowds will come home on Thursday. Knights of Columbus Day at the exposition, when it is expected not less than 60,000 knights and their families and friends will be here.

## WINSTON-SALEM TO SPEND LARGE SUM IN IMPROVEMENTS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., August 6.—Winston to-day voted \$150,000 thirty-year municipal bonds by a safe majority. The money received from the issue of bonds is to be used for erecting a high school building, improvement of streets and the extension of sewer and water systems.

## CHARGE CONTRACTOR KLINE WITH PEONAGE

RALEIGH, N. C., August 6.—A special term of the United States District Court, Judge Thomas R. Purnell presiding, was convened at Beaufort to-day for the trial of peonage cases, in which E. A. Kline, a contractor of construction on the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad, is defendant. The alleged peons are eleven foreigners, who were brought from New York by Kline. Since complaint was made and investigation by an agent of the Department of Justice three weeks ago, the eleven men have been detained in jail as witnesses, being unable to give bond for their appearance at the trial.

To-day, when the court convened, Judge Purnell charged the grand jury specifically as to peonage, and then adjourned the court until to-morrow.

## SUCCEEDS DR. M'ILWAIN



[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE, VA., August 6.—The successor to Dr. H. R. McIlwaine in the chair of English and history is Dr. Ashton W. McWhorter, at present a teacher in the University of the South. Dr. McWhorter was born in Pittsylvania county, Va., thirty years ago. He is an A. B. and A. M. graduate of Roanoke College and a Ph. D. of Johns Hopkins University, at both of which institutions he took first rank as a student, winning the fellowship in Greek at the latter institution. He has been at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, at George Washington University, at which place he was professor of Latin and Greek, and comes to Hampden-Sidney now from the University of the South, at which place he has taught for the past year.

Dr. McWhorter comes highly recommended both for his qualifications and for his attractive personality. He is unmarried, but his parents and two sisters who have been living at Hampden-Sidney for the past year will reside with him.

Dr. McWhorter will arrive about the 1st of September, and will be ready to assume his new duties when the college opens the one hundred and thirty-second session on the 11th of that month.

The convention will be in session four days.

Mr. Johnston, chosen Senator.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., August 6.—The two houses of the Legislature voted in separate session to-day for United States Senator to succeed the late Senator E. W. Pettus. Joseph F. Johnston, nominee of the primary and of the caucus, was elected for the short and the long term. He will hold offices therefore until 1915.

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2:30 o'clock, interment being at Hollywood.

Mrs. Saphronia Radford.  
Mrs. Saphronia Radford died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. A. M. Brintley, No. 1513 Beverly Street, yesterday, in the fifty-fifth year of her age. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Pine Street Baptist Church. Mrs. Radford leaves six children. They are Mr. J. H. Radford, Mr. M. C. Radford, Mrs. A. M. Brintley, Mrs. W. J. Harris, Mrs. R. J. Holladay and Miss Cora Radford.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
DANVILLE, VA., August 6.—Mrs. M. B. Cobb, mother of the well-known tobacco magnates of that name, died at about 11 o'clock to-day at her home at Blackwell, Caswell county, N. C., about twenty miles from here, after an illness of several years. She was born eighty-one years of age, and was born and reared in Caswell county, where she spent her entire life, dying on the same plantation and less than a mile from the spot where she was born. She was well known throughout this section. Her husband, Henry W. Cobb, a farmer, died many years ago. Deceased is survived by the following children, who were with her when she died: J. B. Cobb, of New York; H. Wellington Cobb, of New York; J. S. Cobb, of Durham, N. C.; and Mrs. E. A. Glass, of Durham.

Andrew J. Yancey.  
CHASE CITY, VA., Aug. 6.—Mr. Andrew J. Yancey died here this morning. He was a most estimable and useful citizen and a man of high character. He was engaged in tobacco warehouse business and also for several years was clerk of the town council. He was a consistent and active member of the Baptist Church, and his death is a serious loss to the community.

Burial of Mrs. Wilkes.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CHESWEE, August 6.—The remains of Mrs. M. Wilkes, who died Saturday night, were taken to Lynchburg to-day on the noon train and interred in the cemetery there. She made her home here with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. White. She had been ill for several weeks, and her death was not unexpected. She leaves two sons and three daughters, all of whom accompanied the body to Lynchburg.

Captain W. A. Whittier.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
DURHAM, N. C., August 6.—Captain William A. Whittier, an aged resident of Durham, died this morning after a lingering illness of several months. He was a native of Orange county, and was captain of a company in the Fifth North Carolina Regiment. Captain Whittier was seventy years of age, and besides other relatives leaves four sons, two brothers and three sisters.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
GORDONSVILLE, VA., August 6.—The child of Mr. W. S. Rogers, manager of the Gordonsville branch of the Virginia State Depository and Trust Corporation, died at the home of his parents Monday night with pneumonia.

Joseph I. Heckmann.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ROANOKE, VA., August 6.—Mr. Joseph I. Heckmann died this morning from typhoid fever, aged twenty-four years. The deceased was a native of Franklin county, and was one of the most popular young men in the city. He leaves a wife, to whom he had been married only three months.

DEATHS.

BRANCH.—Died at Toronto, Va., August 6, 1907, VIRGINIA WILKINSON BRANCH, infant child of William B. and Matilda T. Branch.

PARRISH.—Died August 6, 1907, at 10:30 A. M., at the residence of her father, W. H. Humphrey, Parrish, S. C. R. PARRISH, in her forty-ninth year.

Radford.—Died at the residence of her son-in-law, Street, Mrs. SAPHRONIA RADFORD, in the fifty-fifth year of her age. She leaves six children. They are Mr. J. H. Radford, Mr. M. C. Radford, Mrs. A. M. Brintley, Mrs. W. J. Harris, Mrs. R. J. Holladay and Miss Cora Radford. J. H. Radford, in her forty-ninth year.

Funeral from the house, 1614 West Grace, WEDNESDAY, August 7th, at 2:30 P. M. Services will be conducted by Rev. J. M. Culbreth, of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church. Interment in Hollywood.

WEBB.—Died Monday, the 5th instant, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Tyler, of Anderson, Ala. Mrs. LUCY B. WEBB.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ASHEVILLE, N. C., August 6.—The ninth annual convention of the National Shorthand Reporters' Association held its opening session at Kenilworth Inn this morning, with delegates representing all parts of the country. The veteran president of the association, Benjamin Pitman, called the convention to order and introduced Judge J. C. Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court, who delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the State and city. Secretary Kendrick G. Hill and Charles H. Regua, president of the New York State Association, made the responses.

